

## HB 4054 -4, -5 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Natural Resources

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/6, 2/13

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Amends the statutory location of fire notification to a forestland owner.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.*

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

##### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Replaces the measure. Requires the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) Director, in consultation with counties and cities, to organize a **Land Use and Wildfire Policy Advisory Committee** (Committee). Requires specified groups to nominate potential committee members, and requires the DLCD Director and State Forester to jointly appoint committee members from the submitted nominations. Specifies additional nonvoting members. Requires DLCD, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF) and Oregon State University (OSU), to analyze the wildfire risk to people, public and private property, businesses, infrastructure, and natural resources, for each region of the state, and to report recommendations for regional wildfire risk reduction to the Committee by October 1, 2020. Requires the analysis be performed in consultation with fire protection agencies and districts, fire officials and personnel, and cities and counties in each region. Requires the departments and Committee to analyze and evaluate that input in developing their recommendations on how to implement the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response land use recommendations, and to report to the Legislative Assembly by February 1, 2021. Specifies report requirements including, but not limited to: regional wildfire risk reduction recommendations; existing state and local maps that identify wildfire risk; new map resources to account for regional differences if deemed appropriate; identification of resources needed for mapping; recommendations on possible means for using the statewide planning program and local governments; planning goals related to natural hazards; existing state and local programs that minimize wildfire risk; revision recommendations to the statewide land use planning program and local building codes; funding, staffing, and other administrative resources needed; and a description of areas of agreement and disagreement among departments and Committee members. **Appropriates** the following General Fund moneys for the biennium ending June 30, 2021: \$350,000 to DLCD, \$100,000 to ODF, and \$50,000 to OSU. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

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### **BACKGROUND:**

Oregon Governor Kate Brown created the Governor's Council on Wildfire Response by executive order in January of 2019. The Council was tasked with reviewing Oregon's current model for wildfire prevention, preparedness, and response, and analyzing whether the current model is sustainable given increasing wildfire risks. The Council met regularly for nine months and formed three active subcommittees that focused on mitigation, fire suppression, and adaptation and recovery. The product of the Council's extensive work was a final report that concluded that some or all of the current models are not sufficient to ensure Oregon is prepared for increasingly severe wildfire seasons.

House Bill 4054 would amend the statutory location of fire notification to a forestland owner.